



MONDAY EVENING, SEPT. 27, 1909.

ALLEGED alienation of the affection of his wife, Frederick Hipsh, New York manager for a Kentucky distillery, has, as heretofore stated, brought suit for \$200,000 against Mr. Theodore P. Shilens, former chief engineer of the Panama canal, and now one of the most potent influences in the business and financial life of New York city, and a married man and a grandfather. His defense is that he knew Mrs. Hipsh only casually, and that his attention to her have been only such as a gentleman might pay to any woman whom he knew slightly. A telegram which was intended for Mrs. Hipsh was the cause of the trouble which has destroyed the plaintiff's domestic happiness, it is said. This was opened by Hipsh while he and his wife were staying in Allenhurst, August 2. After a quarrel the pair parted, and within a few days Mrs. Hipsh began suit for a separation. In retaliation, Hipsh has brought suit for divorce. Mr. Hipsh says: "While I have sued Shilens for \$200,000, to punish him for the injury he has inflicted on me, I do not want a dollar of his money. All I want is a verdict of \$10, or 10 cents, or 1 cent. Then I will use that verdict in a way that will bring terror to men of great wealth who come to New York and amuse themselves playing on the vanity and weakness of other men's wives." By the course he is pursuing Mr. Hipsh becomes a public benefactor.

A START has been made in the establishment of a new kind of training school for "bad" boys, authority for which was given by the New York state legislature five years ago, but which was delayed by the failure of commissioners to agree upon a site. The plan of this new school is to place the boys in family groups, in cottages, with a good man and wife to look after each group. Each house is to have a small farm for the boys to work and play on. A central school will be operated, but only three hours a day attendance will be required of the boys. But there is to be no preaching of morality, and each family is to have a fine playground.

Six hundred women of the Cincinnati Women's Christian Temperance Union have decided that a husband who deserves his wife should be punished as the government punishes a man who deserts the army or navy. In a word, these ladies vow that a wife deserter who, being apprehended, tries to continue his flight should be shot on the spot. We know it would be hard for the Cincinnati women to do, but when they marry a man they should try to make his life such that in case he is forced to flee he may not be so desperate as to determine that he will never be taken alive.

IN the first attempt in the country to regulate express rates the Supreme Court of Nebraska on Saturday upheld the Sibley act, which made a flat cut of 25 per cent in express rates in Nebraska. The law has been in operation sixteen months under injunction. The contentions of the state are upheld in every respect. The state of Virginia should pass a similar law. The express companies are about as arbitrary a set of men as could well be gathered together, and from their high price rulings there appears to be no redress.

TWO HUNDRED divorce cases were heard in Chicago on Saturday. The divorce habit seems to be growing.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, Sept. 27.

Ambrose stated, the ram Katabdin, the first vessel of the navy, is to be sacrificed to the later day passion for marksmanship, according to orders issued by the Navy Department. She will be towed from the Philadelphia yard to Hampton Roads. There she will be picked up by a Washington navy tug and brought up the Potomac to be prepared for the sacrifice. All the available machinery and material which can be put to use will be removed and the hull will be towed back to Hampton Roads to be used as a target for any gun or weapon the Bureau of Ordnance may choose. The Katabdin is a relic of the old days when the ram was seriously considered as a weapon of naval warfare. Secretary of War Dickinson was at his desk today in the War Department for the first time since his vacation of several weeks in the south, suspended routing work to take up the question of providing relief for the storm sufferers in Louisiana and other points. He is securing reports on the situation with a view of providing the necessary relief so far as it can be extended to the army organization. He will remain in Washington until about October 12 when he will join President Taft's party at St. Louis.

The commissioner of internal revenue today ended the long controversy over raising wine by deciding that it should pay the tax of \$1.10 per gallon the same as other spirits. This decision was reached once last November, was suspended on appeal, afterwards reaffirmed and now, after further appeal, is definitely determined.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury James R. Reynolds who is a member of the new tariff board which is to supply the president with facts upon which to put into effect the maximum and minimum provisions of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, will go to Dublin, N. H., tonight to consult with Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh upon the work of the board.

NOT PRIVILEGED.

For the first time in an American court, probably, the secrecy that has surrounded the Roman Catholic confessional for ages was violated at New Bedford, Mass., on Friday.

Judge Milliken ordered Mrs. Manuel Amancio, a witness, to repeat the words that passed between her and the Rev. Father Manuel de Souza Navasos when she was a penitent in the confessional box of the priest's church there.

Joseph da Terra, counsel for Father Navasos, vigorously objected.

"Show me any law in this commonwealth making such a conversation a privileged one," said Judge Milliken.

"So far as I know, your honor, there is no such law," answered Mr. da Terra, "but by custom long established in the English law the conversation between priest and penitent, even if it discloses a crime, has been regarded as privileged; a witness is never called upon to repeat it."

"There is no law in this commonwealth," retorted the judge, "which makes any conversation privileged save that between husband and wife, if either wishes to disclose it, and that between a client and counsel."

This is the civil session of the Third District Court Friday, where Manuel Amancio is suing Father Navasos, who came there from the Azores islands three years ago. Amancio asks \$1,000 damages from the priest, claiming that his young and pretty wife is living apart from him because of advice Father Navasos gave her during her confession to him.

Obedient the judge, Mrs. Amancio testified:

"Father Navasos asked me if I was single or married. I told him I married my husband by civil ceremony. He said I was not married, but was living in concubinage and was accused. Since then some people have told me that my marriage was all right, just as good as any other, so I am willing to go back to my husband and live with him."

Judge Milliken reserved his decision. Cardinal Gibbons said on Saturday that Judge Milliken did right in deciding that the testimony of the woman was not privileged in the case in which she desired to go on the stand in the suit of her husband against a priest and show that the priest in confessional had urged her to abjure her marriage because it had been a civil ceremony and not under church rites.

"If she wanted to relate conversation in the confessional, it is evidence," said the cardinal, "but the priest is privileged from being forced to go on the stand and tell what has been said to him in the confessional. This matter was established in New York something like one hundred years ago, in the Coleman case, where it was laid down that a priest does not have to tell the conversation of the confessional."

The Cook-Pearry Dispute.

New York, Sept. 27.—The statement from Battle Harbor, Labrador, by Harry Whitney, the New Haven sportsman, that he had been compelled by Commander Peary to leave all of Dr. Cook's records, data and effects at Etah, has created an even wider breach between the Cook and Peary adherents in the pole controversy. That it will be a year, or even more, before Dr. Cook can prove his claim definitely is the declaration of scientific men today. They declare that no matter what his records show, they want to see Dr. Cook's scientific instruments for corrected variations before accepting his claims or rejecting them. As the Arctic night will set in and the ice will gather before a ship can reach Etah, the Cook instruments cannot be brought back for another twelve months. Cook adherents are bitter against Commander Peary for his refusal to allow Whitney to bring back Cook's belongings, but Commander Peary's friends say he was aware of Cook's intention of claiming the pole, and Peary did not intend to help him along.

Boston, Sept. 27.—It is announced here today that Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the Arctic explorer, will lecture at Boston October 1 on his discovery of the North Pole. The lecture is to be illustrated with stereoscopic views of the polar regions taken by Dr. Cook.

Anxiety for the President.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 27.—Unless the trouble between the Western Federation of Miners and the succeeding engineers of the great smelters is settled in double-quick time, President Taft may see some gun play before he leaves the capital of the copper empire. Because of the smell of powder in the air, unusual precautions are being taken to safeguard the president. Scores of special deputies, plain clothes men and policemen in uniform surrounded the automobile that conveyed the executive about the smelters.

A later dispatch says the strike has been brought to an end.

Explosion in a Building.

Pittsburg, Sept. 27.—A terrific explosion occurred shortly before noon in the offices of the Columbian Film Exchange in the Ferguson block on Third avenue. Many persons were burned fighting their way to exits in the building, and it is feared several may have perished. The explosion fired the interior of the building and a panic followed among the occupants. Windows and sections of partitions from the floor upon which was located the film concern were blown into the street and the walls of the building, an eight-story structure, were bulged.

Murderer Identified.

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 27.—Chief of Police Brophy announced today that the ravine tragedy, which resulted in the murder of two Italian children in this city two weeks ago last night, had been solved and that Theodore Rizzo, a Calabrian, arrested here two days after the commission of the crime, was the man who perpetrated the deed. Rizzo was confessed.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Sept. 27.—Gains over Friday's close were made in nearly everything traded in at today's opening. The volume of business was small. A large part of the market interest centered in steel common and the only heavy transactions were in that stock. The railroad list showed strength.

The Market.

Georgetown, D. C. Sept. 27 Wheat 96-11

News of the Day.

Former Congressman William R. Morrison is seriously ill at his home in Waterloo, Ill.

Rear Admiral Charles James Barclay, U. S. N. (retired), died yesterday in Brookline, Mass.

Rumors in official dispatches that the revenue cutter Sora had been captured by Moro pirates were proved unfounded.

Five white men and ten negroes, convicted on various charges Saturday in Wilmington, Del., were whipped at the workhouse before a big crowd.

Because of the strong wind, the dirigible airship race from New York to Albany, for a prize of \$10,000, was postponed until tomorrow morning, providing the wind is favorable then.

Hubert Latham electrified the great crowd at the aviation meeting at Johannisthal, Prussia, today by flying to the aerodrome from Tempelhof field, a distance of seven miles, in seven minutes.

Professor Penck, of the University of Berlin, said in an address at Salzburg that he believed that neither Dr. Cook nor Commander Peary could furnish scientific proof of having reached the pole.

One woman was killed and two seriously injured when the ferryboat Hopakong, of the Lackawanna Railway, was rammed by the steamer Seneca in the North river Saturday night off Grant's tomb.

Keeping their intention hidden from friends, Walter R. Peterson, of Philadelphia, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. R. W. Peterson, who has lived at the same place, went to New York a few days ago and were married.

Joseph Forrest, on trial at Leopoldstown, Md., for the murder of his father and mother, was found guilty of manslaughter, the jury reaching a verdict late at night. Forrest was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. Insanity was the defense.

The Peary Arctic ship Roosevelt arrived yesterday at Eagle Island, Commander Peary's summer home, and after landing some of his personal effects left for New York. Commander Peary said that if the boat reached New York in time it would take part in the Hudson-Fulton celebration and that he would be on the bridge.

Four French officers were killed by the bursting of the dirigible République, near Monstir, Saturday. A piece of broken propeller caused the accident while the balloon was at a height of five hundred feet. While all France mourns the terrible death of the military officers in the balloon disaster, the Paris press declares that no human sacrifice can discourage the conquest of the air.

This was more or less an off day in the Hudson-Fulton celebration at New York so far as out-door spectacles were concerned, so the hundreds of thousands of visitors who are in the city thronged the streets and visited the various points of interest. It was estimated that 75,000 persons yesterday visited the warships, which were open to the inspection of the public between 2 and 6 p. m.

With the thermometer registering its marks far below zero and a wild storm sweeping over the Arctic ice pack, Mrs. H. R. Marsh and her five children narrowly escaped death in the burning Presbyterian mission at Point Barrow, Alaska, at 2 o'clock on the morning of April 12. The cause of the fire is not definitely known, but those best qualified to speak charge it to the carelessness of natives with fire.

As the result of several long conferences with Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot in Salt Lake City Saturday, President Taft that night caused a statement to be issued in which he declares that never at any time in the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy has he intended to reflect on Mr. Pinchot. In this statement Mr. Taft takes more advanced ground than ever in favor of the Roosevelt policies of conservation of natural resources.

Harry Whitney, of New Haven, Conn., who was with Dr. Frederick A. Cook at Anaktok, and to whom Dr. Cook is said to have given a detailed account of his trip to the pole, has sent a message from Iddian Harbor, Labrador, in answer to the question, "Did Cook reach the pole?" saying: "I have no reason to doubt Cook's statement."

Harry Whitney, the friend of Dr. Cook, in a telegram to the New York Times, says Cook told him last April that he had discovered the Pole, but asked him not to tell Peary. Swinging from a tree in front of his shoe shop at Perry, Taylor county, Fla., the dead body of Charles Anderson, colored, was found early yesterday morning, a mob having lynched him for the killing of Marshal Hawkins, of Perry, Saturday night. The body was allowed to hang until late yesterday, when it was taken down. Anderson was wanted for a minor offense, and was in his shoe shop when Hawkins went to arrest him. He met the officer and shot him dead. Anderson fled, but he was caught several hours later. His captors led him back to his shoe shop and hanged him. Bullets were fired into his body.

Foundering of a Steamer.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 27.—A report received here this morning from Georgetown, Del., says an unknown steamer has foundered off Winter Quarter, Cape Henlopen, and that twelve persons have perished. It is reported that life-savers, after a battle with the heavy seas, have rescued six others, and are now laboring their way to shore through a high surf.

The disaster was reported by Captain Delano, of the steamship Porto Rico, which arrived here this morning. He reports that the captain of the lightship off Cape Henlopen signaled him that an unknown steamer had gone down, and Captain Delano now believes that the life savers, unable to make shore, have taken the six men rescued, in an exhausted condition, aboard the lightship.

A later dispatch confirms the rumor that six of the crew were rescued and placed aboard the lightship.

LETTER TO EMANUEL GOLDSMITH

Alexandria Va.

Dear Sir: Two years ago, Mr. Grant Smith, Esq., painted three frame houses, and the woodwork of a brick house.

The painter estimated \$115.50 for the paint, lead and oil.

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Don't know the cost of the work. By the rule, the saving of labor would be from \$30 to \$40.

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Yours truly
F. W. DEVOE & CO.
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Virginia News.

Mrs. Catharine C. Smoot died yesterday at her home, Salona Farm, Langley, Fairfax county.

The Virginia State Dairymen's Association is to meet in Leesburg October 1 for a session of two days.

Depositors of the Merchants and Traders' Bank, of Suffolk, which suspended some months ago, were paid in full. The stockholders will not receive over 10 per cent.

Gabriel V. Warner, a retired farmer and a highly esteemed citizen of Loudoun county, died yesterday in the eighty-first year of his age. During the civil war he served in the Eighth Virginia Regiment.

In the circuit court of Pittsylvania on Saturday a jury returned a verdict against the Southern Railway in favor of Mrs. Jennie M. Satterfield for \$3,000. Her husband, J. M. Satterfield, was killed on the road.

The case of Prof. J. D. Harris, former principal of the Warrenton High School, accused of shooting and killing W. A. Thompson, associate editor of the Warrenton Virginian, on April 24 last, will be tried at Warrenton tomorrow.

A record price for Frederick county fruit lands was paid Saturday for the John L. Grant farm, 5 miles from Winchester. One tract brought \$105.50 per acre and another sold for \$94 per acre. The land lies in the apple belt.

The International Liberty Union with headquarters in Dayton, Ohio, which has many branches in the state among the negroes, has been ordered to cease business by Commissioner Burton. Complaint that policies were not paid led to investigation. The concern did not get a license or register as a fraternal organization. Several thousands of dollars have been collected by the concern. Men, women and children were made members.

Laboring under the impression that a burglar in her house was one of her sons walking in his sleep, Mrs. Samuel Harris, of the Brook road near Richmond, in attempting to prevent the intruder getting out of a second-story window early yesterday morning was seized by the man, both the burglar and the woman falling from the window to the ground below a distance of 40 feet. The burglar apparently none the worse for his long fall, immediately got up and ran away. Not until she saw he was a negro did the woman realize her mistake. The noise of the scuffle in the house awakened the son of Mrs. Harris, who fired at the burglar twice as the man retreated. The woman was taken into the house, when it was found that she was badly bruised, though no bones were broken.

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Today's Telegraphic News

Earthquake Shocks.

Madison, Wis., Sept. 27.—An earthquake shock was distinctly felt here at 3:55 a. m., today lasting one minute. There was no damage.

St. Louis, Sept. 27.—A slight earthquake shock which was distinctly felt here and which extended through central Illinois and eastern Missouri, occurred at 3:45 o'clock this morning. The tremor was so strong that windows rattled and buildings were slightly shaken. No damage has been reported.

Indianapolis, Sept. 27.—Indiana towns reported a distinct earthquake shock at 3:55 today. The shock lasted from one to three minutes. The strongest motion was felt at Terre Haute, Sullivan, Williamsport, Lafayette and Covington. At Covington a few chimneys were jarred down and window glass broken, but no one was injured.

Henderson, Ky., Sept. 27.—Distinct earthquake shocks were felt here this morning at 4:18 and lasted about 15 seconds. The movement was from east to west.

Princeton, Ind., Sept. 27.—Two distinct shocks at 3:50 a. m., lasting ten seconds were felt here. No damage done. The sky was red at times.

Washington, Ind., Sept. 27.—There was violent trembling of the earth at 4:35 this morning.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 27.—At 3 o'clock this morning Springfield experienced three distinct earthquake shocks. The first two were close together. An interval of probably thirty seconds separated the second from the third. People were awakened by the rattling of doors and furniture and the very perceptible movements of beds and houses. The sky was clear and a full moon shining. No damage was done.

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